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SUBJ: SUB-CABINET NEARLY COMPLETE; HAS MODERATE, TECHNICAL CAST

SUMMARY: NAMING OF SECRETARIES AND SUBSECRETARIES OF STATE APPEARS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE, WITH MOST APPOINTEES FROM CENTER OR CENTER-LEFT OF POLITICAL SPECTRUM. MANY IN NEW SUB-CABINET HAVE SOLID REPUTATIONS FOR COMPETENCE. MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO HAVE BEEN GIVEN SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN FIELDS OF LABOR (CUNHAL), ECONOMY AND EDUCATION (PEREIRA DE MOURA), AND AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (SA CARNEIRO). PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT'S SUBCABINET WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR JUNTA TO DUPLICATE WITHOUT LOSING QUALITY; NO SINGLE PARTY COULD HOPE TO DUPLICATE THIS GROUP. END SUMMARY.

1. PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO SA CARNEIRO TO ACT AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR PM PALMA CARLOS, WHO FRANKLY ACKNOWLEDGES HIS FRAGILE HEALTH. IN ADDITION, SA CARNEIRO WILL ACT AS FOREIGN MINISTER IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES.

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MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO PEREIRA DE MOURA HAS BEEN

ASKED TO PROVIDE COORDINATION IN ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL MATTERS AND HAS ALREADY MADE IMPORTANT STATEMENTS ON THE ECONOMY (REPORTED SEPTELS). MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ALVARO CUNHAL HAS BEEN GIVEN SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO ASSIST WITH LABOR AFFAIRS; HE HAS LARGELY CONFINED HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO LABOR MATTERS THUS FAR (SEPTELS).

2. THERE FOLLOWS LISTING AND BRIEF COMMENTARY, WHERE POSSIBLE, ON SECOND LEVEL OF CABINET:

A) IN MINISTRY FOR INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION:

SECSTATE FOR ADMINISTRATION IS DEODATO NUNO DE AZEVEDO COUTINHO. NO BIO INFORMATION AVAILABLE THUS FAR. SECSTATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IS FERNANDO CASTRO FONTES, 47, CIVIL ENGINEER WITH GOOD PROFESSIONAL REPUTATION WHO HAS BEEN HEAD OF ZAMBESE PLAN OFFICE (CABORA BASSA PROJECT).

B) IN MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COORDINATION:

SECSTATE FOR FINANCE IS DR. JOSE DA SILVA LOPES, 42, AN ECONOMIST WITH EXPERIENCE IN EFTA, GATT, AND EEC MATTERS. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN SOME ACTIVITIES OF CENTRIST SEDES DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION. SUB-SECSTATE FOR BUDGET IS ANTONIO COSTA LEAL, ABOUT 50. STATISTICIAN AT NATIONAL STATISTICS INSTITUTE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, HE WAS FORCED TO LEAVE BECAUSE OF HIS OPPOSITION TO SALAZAR REGIME. HAS WORKED FOR CUF AND LISNAVE ENTERPRISES. SUB-SECSTATE FOR TREASURY IS ARTUR LUIS ALVES CONDE, 44, FORMER PROFESSOR ECONOMICS AND MORE RECENTLY INVOLVED IN SEVERAL BUSINESSES. SECSTATE FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING IS VICTOR CONSTANCIO, 30, ECONOMIC PLANNER AND DISCIPLE OF PEREIRA DE MOURA. CONSTANCIO WAS LEADER GRANTEE IN 1972. A FOUNDING MEMBER OF SEDES, HE STANDS AT CENTER-LEFT IN POLITICAL SPECTRUM. SECSTATE FOR INDUSTRY AND ENERGY IS JOSE DE MELO TORRES CAMPOS, 42. HE IS AN ENGINEER/BUSINESSMAN AND ANOTHER FOUNDING MEMBER OF SEDES. SECSTATE FOR AGRICULTURE IS ALFREDO ESTEVES BELO, CONFIDENTIAL

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49, ECONOMIST AND HEAD OF LISBON CONSULTING FIRM. HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH "DEMOCRATIC" OPPOSITION GROUPS SINCE HIS STUDENT DAYS AND SPENT 16 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES 15 YEARS AGO. SECSTATE FOR FOREIGN COMMERCE AND TOURISM IS EMILIO RUI VILAR, 34, LAWYER, BANKER, AND ECONOMIC PLANNER WHO WAS FIRST PRESIDENT OF SEDES. HE HAS ATTENDED EEC AND UN CONFERENCES. HE IS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF

MINISTER VIEIRA DE ALMEIDA.

SECSTATE FOR SUPPLIES AND PRICES IS NELSON TRIGO,
37, ECONOMIST AND CIVIL SERVANT IN VARIOUS PLANNING
ORGANIZATIONS.

SECSTATE FOR FISHERIES NOT YET NAMED.

C) IN MINISTRY OF SOCIAL FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENT:

SECSTATE FOR PUBLIC WORKS IS PEDRO NUNES, 57, AN
ENGINEER AND FORMER PRSIDENT OF ENGINEERS'
ASSOCIATION. FOR LAST 6 YEARS HE WAS ALSO HEAD
OF LISBON PORT AUTHORITY.

SECSTATE FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS IS MANUEL
FERREIRA LIME, 35, AGRONOMIST AND ECONOMIC PLANNER
WHO HAS STUDIED IN FRANCE AND HOLLAND.

SECSTATE FOR HOUSING IS NUNO PORTAS, 39, ARCHITECT
AND CHIEF OF ARCHITECTURAL DIVISION OF PRESTIGIOUS
NATIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING LAB. HE HAS IDENTIFIED
HIMSELF WITH SOCIALIST PARTY.

SECSTATE FOR MERCHANT MARINE IS VICE ADMIRAL TIerno
BAGULHO, 63, FORMER VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF AND
THEN SEC GEN OF DEFENSE MINISTRY STAFF, JOB FROM
WHICH HE WAS FIRED IN MARCH AT TIME SPINOLA AND
COSTA GOMES WERE SACKED. BAGULHO, EXPANSIVE AND
COMPETENT, ATTENDED SYMPOSIUM AT US NAVAL WAR
COLLEGE IN 1971.

SUB-SECSTATE FOR ENVIRONMENT IS GONCALO RIBEIRO
TELLES, 52, ARCHITECT/AGRONOMIST AND A LEADER OF
THE LEFT WING OF MONARCHIST MOVEMENT.

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D) IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

SECSTATE FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION IS JOSE MANUEL CORREIA PROSTES DA FONSECA, 40, CHEMICAL ENGINEER AND ANOTHER FOUNDING MEMER OF SEDES. A CONFIDANT OF REFORMIST EX-MINISTER OF EDUCATION VEIGA SIMAO, PROSTES DA FONSECA HAS BEEN DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SINCE 1971. HE HAS GOOD PROFESSIONAL REPUTATION AND IS A POLITICAL MODERATE. SECSTATE FOR CULTURE AND RESEARCH IS MARIA DE LURDES BELCHIOR PONTES, ABOUT 45, PROMINENT PROFESSOR OF LITERATURE AND 1963 LEADER GRANTEE AND PRESENT MEMBER OF FULBRIGHT COMMISSION. SHE IS WELL RESPECTED PROFESSIONALLY AND IS CONSIDERED POLITICAL CENTRIST.

SECSTATE FOR SPORTS AND SCHOLASTIC SOCIAL ACTION IS ANTONIO JOSE AVELAS NUNES, ABOUT 33, A LAWYER WHO, AS A STUDENT LEADER AT COIMBRA IN EARLY 60'S RAN INTO TROUBLE WITH SECURITY POLICE FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES. SECSTATE FOR EDUCATIONAL REFORM IS ORLANDO PEREIRA DE CARVALHO, 48, LAWYER AND LAW PROFESSOR FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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OPORTO AND MEMBER OF COMMISSION TO HELP POLITICAL PRISONERS, UNDER OLD REGIME. HE WAS ARRESTED IN 50'S FOR HIS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. HE WAS A CDE CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN 1969.

E) IN MINISTRY OF LABOR:

SECSTATE FOR LABOR IS CARLOS CARVALHAS, 33, ECONOMIST AND DIRECTOR OF WEEKLY JOURNAL NOTICIAS DE AMADORA, PCP-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPER. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN SEVERAL LEFT-WING FRONT ORGANIZATIONS.

SECSTATE FOR EMIGRATION IS MACEDO VARELA, LAWYER FROM OPORTO. VARELA WAS CDE ACTIVIST IN 1969 AND 1973 AND HAS BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PCP-CONTROLLED WEEKLY NEWSPAPER "A OPINIAO". PRESS DESCRIBES BOTH VARELA AND CARVALHAS AS "MILITANTS" OF MDP WHICH COVERS RANGE OF POLITICAL OPINION BUT IS DOMINATED BY COMMUNISTS.

F) MINISTRY OF WELFARE:

SECSTATE FOR HEALTH IS ANTONIO GALHORDAS, 42, LEFT-WING ACTIVIST PHYSICIAN. AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT AS SECSTATE, HE WAS CHIEF OF SURGERY FOR LISBON HOSPITALS. SECSTATE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY IS MARIA DE LURDES PINTASILGO, 44, AN ENGINEER AND FORMER PROMINENT

STUDENT LEADER. SHE IS ACTIVE MEMBER OF GRAIL CATHOLIC MOVEMENT, AND HAS BEEN ON SEVERAL UNGA DELEGATIONS. SHE IS MODERATE SOCIALIST.

G) IN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE:

SUBSECSTATE FOR JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION IS ARMANDO BACELAR. NO BIO DATA AVAILABLE.

3. FEW MORE SUBCABINET POSTS ARE REPORTEDLY IN MAKING: JORGE CAMPINHOS, SPICALIST CONFIDANT OF MARIO SOARES, SAID TO BE SLATED FOR NEW POSITION AS SECSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

4. ALTHOUGH STILL NREVOUS ABOUT ECONOMIC SITUATION AND CONCERNED OVER RUMORS THAT MINISTER OF ECONOMY VIEIRA DE ALMEIDA WANTS TO RESIGN, BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN AT LEAST PARTLY REASSURED BY APPOINTMENT OF WELL KNOWN TECHNOCRATS AND BUSINESSMEN TO THE TOP JOBS IN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION. IN VARYING DEGREES THESE MEN SHARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THEIR MINISTER, VASCO VIEIRA DE ALMEIDA: YOUTH, EXPERIENCE IN BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, TECHNICAL CONFIDENTIAL

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ORIENTATION, AND POLITICAL MODERATION. SOME, SUCH AS SILVA LOPES AND TORRES CAMPOS, PROVIDE CONTINUITY WITH OLD REGIME. FORMER WAS CHIEF ARCHITECT OF PORTUGAL'S TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE EEC AND LATTER HELPED DESIGN INDUSTRIAL REFORM LAWS OF CAETANO GOVERNMENT.

5. SUBCABINET, LIKE CABINET ITSELF, IS GENERALLY RESPECTED FOR COMPETENCE. POLITICALLY, SUBCABINET RUNS FROM MODERATE CENTER TO ORTHODOX COMMUNIST LEFT (IN LABOR MINISTRY); NO KNOWN CHAMPIONS OF OLD REGIME ARE IN NEW LINE-UP, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL JUNIOR MINISTERS ARE NON-POLITICAL TECHNOCRATS. NO SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY HAS POOL OF TALENT THAT COULD REPLACE THIS GROUP, AND EVEN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY DUPLICATING IT.

6. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY VARIETY OF RELIABLE SOURCES, INCLUDING ONE AT SUBCABINET LEVEL, THAT NEW JUNIOR MINISTERS VIRTUALLY ALL BOGGED DOWN IN INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE RE-ORGANIZATION OF OWN MINISTRIES, AND THAT RESULTANT CONFUSION HAS BROUGHT MUCH OF BUSINESS OF GOVERNMENT TO NEAR STAND-STILL. AT PRESENT, ONLY URGENT MATTERS APPEAR TO BE GETTING ATTENTION, AND DECISIONS REGARDING THESE ARE PUSHED UP TO HIGHEST LEVEL TO BE MADE HASTILY AND AT LAST MOMENT. WE EXPECT THIS SITUATION TO PERSIST FOR SOME TIME, SINCE (A) DRIVE FOR "HOUSECLEANING" AND VE-ORGANIZATION IS VERY STRONG, AND (B) MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT KNOW THEIR TENURE IS SHORT AND HAVE ONE EYE ON POLITICAL, RATHER THAN STRICTLY MINISTERIAL, AFFAIRS.

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